

Scottish Motorcycle Club – Annual General Meeting minutes

Meeting date: Wed 10th March 2010, held at: Black Bitch, Linlithgow

In the chair:: Ken Eddie, SMC *Chairperson*;

Attendance: 21 members including Committee members Steve MacKinnon, *Membership Secretary*; Alex Muir, *Treasurer*; John Moss, *Events Co-ordinator*; Paul Broughton, *Webmaster*; Steve Middleton, *Meetings Secretary*; Arthur Shepherd, *Add'l / videos*

Approved at 2011 AGM

1. Welcome S M C chairperson Ken Eddie welcomed members to the AGM
2. Apologies Ken Glendinning, <i>Editor</i> . Members signed in on a circulated sheet.
3. Minutes of previous A G M (11 March 2009). There are no outstanding actions. Acceptance of the minutes proposed by Steve MacKinnon, seconded by Paul Broughton. Accepted by acclaim without dissent.
4. Committee member reports (Four individual reports are appended to these minutes)
4.1 Treasurer's report Alex MUIR: distributed copies of the Income and Expenditure account for 2009. This shows a surplus of £102 over the year, Income had reduced by approx £100 while Expenses reduced by much more (~£200) leaving a net Balance to carry forward of £364.78, more than adequate for the coming year's expected activity. Online banking has been started to ease the Treasurer's work and assist Club Officers in managing the operations and expenditure, particularly subscriptions.
4.2 Webmaster's report Paul BROUGHTON: has updated the site to simplify and allow member upload of event reports and pictures, plus discussions on the Forum. Arthur Shepherd has assisted particularly with testing and debugging. Steve MacKinnon has updated content. Next is to develop a randomised display of pictures on the opening page seen by the public. Members are invited to submit pictures to use in this. An assistant is sought to add to the team to back up the knowledge of the workings of the site to ensure it ongoing operation.
4.3 Editor's report Ken GLENDINNING not in attendance, no report submitted.
4.4 Events report John MOSS analysed the Club's 35 runs in 2009 by type, duration, location etc.. 21 day, 5 half day, 4 evening, 3 overnight, 1 BBQ plus First Bike On Scene training event. Average attendance 10, max 18 with 57 different members involved – a high proportion of the 67 members in the year. We need to record attendance more accurately for insurance purposes. The membership has supported the increased number and variety of runs and the Club should continue this.
4.5 Membership report Steve MacKINNON: The 78 members at the end of 2008 reduced to 67 renewals for 2009. Those who had not renewed were contacted for feedback – replies were: 3 said they were

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too busy with other things, 2 expressed dissatisfaction with the way the club had changed since its inception, 3 moved away from the area, 17 did not communicate a reason. Renewals had been slow and Club should take action to speed this up – see motion later in item 5. 14 new members in 2009: 8 by word of mouth, 9 via website. Electronic communication is quicker and cheaper.

4.6 Meetings report

Steve MIDDLETON: All Committee minutes had been uploaded to the website for member access, using a standard format, with status changed from Draft to Approved as appropriate. They feature a clear allocation of Action responsibility.

4.7 Merchandise report

Steve MIDDLETON: Two orders had been processed via ScotCrest, delivered to and paid by members, using the monochrome Saltire blue thread for the “thistlehead” logo. A revised logo including the dates 2000 and 2010 will be available for the coming season to celebrate the Club’s 10th anniversary. A monochrome sticker for bikes is being sourced. The Shop area on the website will be updated with images and latest prices when available. The Club has had a donation of several items in as-new condition: Caberg J1 helmet, Waterproof armoured overtrousers, ½” torque wrench plus various cleaning products. These are available to members for a donation to Club funds

4.8 Library report

Arthur SHEPHERD: Little activity with the VCR tapes. There is a list of the stock on the website. Disposal is suggested, given the difficulties of storage. Sale at Kelso Bikefest agreed as practical. Further purchases to be in CD format.

4.9 Chairman’s report

Ken EDDIE suggested that it had been an exceptional year with many runs and well attended. Member numbers had gone down but the attendances showed a high percentage active. The Run Report section of the website had been well used, giving a “good read” and many photos in the gallery. Perhaps BikeBytes had suffered with fewer contributions as a result, but a different type of content. The success needs a follow-up in the Club’s anniversary year, and the type and number of runs is already looking good with more to come.

4.10 Club Awards

#1 Merit award – Steve Panter, presented by the donor Arthur Shepherd.

Steve has missed few runs or Club meetings, always has a smile and a joke, volunteers to be TEC and provided his tardis van to transport our kit, gazebo and his BBQ to Kelso Bikefest. His support and involvement is greatly appreciated.

#2 Furthest distance travelled to attend events – Tommy Taylor (Aberdeen)

#3 Most events organised by non-committee – Judy Broad (3)

#4 Most consistently well-presented bike – David McWilliam (Triumph ST)

#5 Most events organised – Steve Middleton (9)

#6 Most events attended by pillion – Fiona Eddie (10)

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#7 Most events attended – Steve Panter (27)																																							
5. Annual Subscriptions for 2010 Committee proposes an unchanged £15 annual subscription for 1/4/2010 to 31/3/2011, with a discount of £3 for early renewal before the end of April 2010. After the discussion during the Membership Secretary's Report this was Agreed unanimously.																																							
6. Consideration of Motions a) Gallery. That the website Gallery of event pictures should be made public and visible to any visitor to the website. Photos in members' own personal gallery area should remain private to the Club. Proposed by Committee. Discussion showed support for the idea but concerns were raised that existing pictures had been uploaded with an expectation of privacy, and copyright owners and individuals pictured might object to a retrospective change. Withdrawn. Committee will bring back a more precise proposal. b) Constitution. That the following sub clause be added to the Constitution: 12.5 To meet the requirements of the club BMF Public Liability Insurance, all Club runs and other events must be approved by at least one member of the committee, before taking place. As only committee members may add events to the website calendar, any event which appears in the calendar will be deemed to be approved, unless marked 'Not a Club event'. Proposer: Steve MacKinnon Secunder: Ken Eddie Agreed unanimously. c) Annual Club dinner. That there will be an annual event held in the first three months of a calendar year as a Dinner when the Annual Awards will be presented. Proposed by committee. This motion was put forward to test the support for the event. Agreed by a significant majority.																																							
7. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members All Committee members stood for re-election without any other members being proposed, so the Office Bearers for 2010-2011 are: <table> <tr> <th>Post</th><th>Nominee</th><th>Proposer</th><th>Secunder</th></tr> <tr> <td>Editor</td><td>Ken Glendinning</td><td>Michael Wight</td><td>George Kay</td></tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td><td>Alex Muir</td><td>Steve Middleton</td><td>Arthur Shepherd</td></tr> <tr> <td>Chairman</td><td>Ken Eddie</td><td>Steve MacKinnon</td><td>John Moss</td></tr> <tr> <td>Membership Sec</td><td>Steve MacKinnon</td><td>Judy Broad</td><td>Alex Connell</td></tr> <tr> <td>Events Co-ord</td><td>John Moss</td><td>David McWilliam</td><td>Steve MacKinnon</td></tr> <tr> <td>Webmaster</td><td>Paul Broughton</td><td>Ken Eddie</td><td>Steve MacKinnon</td></tr> <tr> <td>Meetings Sec'y</td><td>Steve Middleton</td><td>Arthur Shepherd</td><td>Judy Broad</td></tr> <tr> <td>Com'tee member</td><td>Steve Panter</td><td>Ken Eddie</td><td>Arthur Shepherd</td></tr> </table>				Post	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder	Editor	Ken Glendinning	Michael Wight	George Kay	Treasurer	Alex Muir	Steve Middleton	Arthur Shepherd	Chairman	Ken Eddie	Steve MacKinnon	John Moss	Membership Sec	Steve MacKinnon	Judy Broad	Alex Connell	Events Co-ord	John Moss	David McWilliam	Steve MacKinnon	Webmaster	Paul Broughton	Ken Eddie	Steve MacKinnon	Meetings Sec'y	Steve Middleton	Arthur Shepherd	Judy Broad	Com'tee member	Steve Panter	Ken Eddie	Arthur Shepherd
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8. AOCB a) Ken RUSSELL proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for a good year for the Club. Agreed by public acclaim. b) Variations to the run routine were discussed and general approval given to hold runs on both the Saturday and Sunday of the same weekend; and to hold mid-week evening "chippie" runs on additional days of the week and include some "Curry" runs. c) Individual avatar on the Forum is difficult to create due to the very small size accepted																																							

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by the software. Paul B will investigate – add to TO DO list.
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S R M : 19/3/2010